



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.4. Storms during the week brought needed moisture, but also caused damage to buildings and farms with fallen trees and high winds. Farming activities for the week included planting corn and potatoes, and observing crops for freeze damage and disease.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/09/17

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	2	20	74	4
Subsoil	3	23	73	1

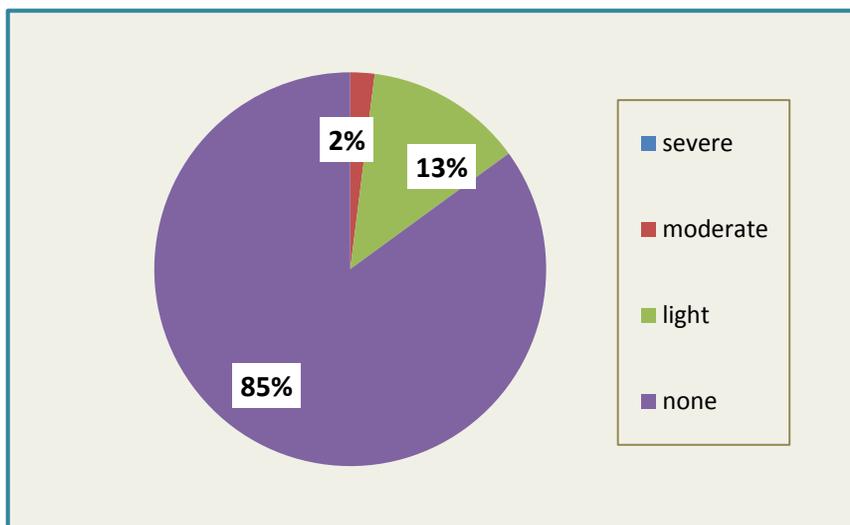
- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/09/17

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	1	4	33	57	5
Hay, Alfalfa	-	8	38	52	2
Hay, Other	1	8	31	56	4
Winter Wheat	1	5	23	60	11
Pasture	6	17	31	41	5

-Represents zero.

WINTER WHEAT FREEZE DAMAGE for week ending 04/09/17

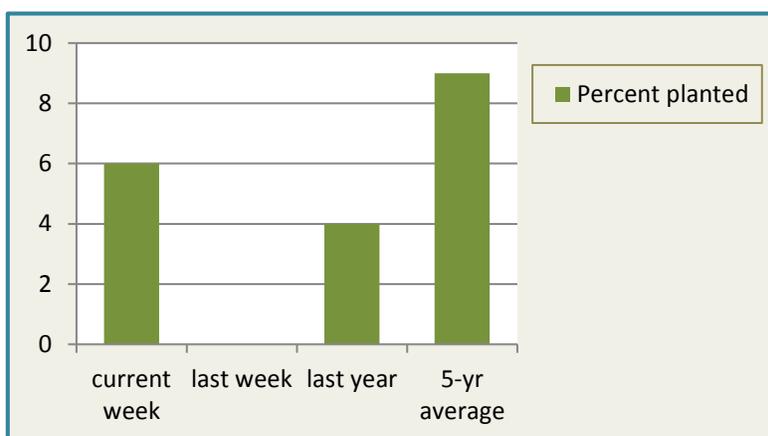


CROP PROGRESS for week ending 04/09/17

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn, planted	6	-	4	9
Potatoes, Summer planted	50	38	36	66

- Represents data not available or zero.

CORN PLANTED for week ending 04/09/17



Weather Summary- For the week ending April 09, 2017

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Apr. 8	Mar. 1 to Apr. 8 norm	Last Week	Since Mar. 1	Mar. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	66	42	79	32	54	2	244	188	0.75	3.41	-1.32	7.79	-3.49
Norfolk	70	50	83	43	60	6	284	208	0.68	5.29	0.26	10.36	-1.97
Richmond	70	46	81	34	58	5	275	228	0.56	4.24	-0.74	9.24	-2.31
Roanoke	65	45	80	40	55	2	249	NA	1.04	3.36	-1.44	8.00	-3.11
Wash/Dulles	65	42	79	29	54	5	197	NA	0.15	4.29	-0.13	7.73	-2.44

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

CULPEPER (Carl Stafford)

Severe thunderstorm event last week caused 1.5 million in damages to buildings, grain handling, and fences damaged by fallen trees.

FAIRFAX (Adria Bordas)

Horrible weather on Thursday and Friday for field work.

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

A few rains have helped grass growth. The first rye was cut for silage last week.

RAPPAHANNOCK (Kenner Love)

Apple trees are beginning to bloom.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)

Rain Tuesday brought at least 1/2 inch of very welcome moisture to most of Rockbridge. Topsoil moisture levels are adequate, but subsoil remains dry due to a warm, dry winter. Frost Saturday morning, but have not yet assessed damage if any.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We received some needed moisture with the round of Thursday storms in our area. Conditions have otherwise been warm and mostly dry.

GOOCHLAND (Charlotte Maxwell)

We had heavy rain and thunderstorms followed by high winds on April 6.

EASTERN

NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)

Weather has been ideal for growing conditions. Spring corn planting to begin later this week.

SOUTHWESTERN

SMYTH (Andy Overbay)

Colder weather may adversely affect fruit crops, but moisture will be helpful to recovering pastures.

TAZEWELL (John Blankenship)

Snow and frost.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Fertilizer burn on headed oats noted 4/5/2017.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

An EF0 tornado touched down this week in Chesapeake causing some damage to a Strawberry U-Pick Farm Stand, power lines, and some homes. However, damage was not significantly high and no one was injured. Wheat continues to look exceptionally good and farmers have not started planting corn yet, waiting on weather to settle.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain last week was welcomed, we were lucky and did not have the amount of severe weather as some counties around us. The wind dried up most of the rain very quickly, so conditions are once again very dry. Tobacco land is being bedded for planting.